

REMARKS

In response to the objection, the specification has been amended to include headers for various sections.

Claims 1-6 and 10-16 have been amended. Claims 17-36 have been added. Claims 7-9 have been canceled. The application now includes claims 1-6 and 10-36. The Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis, Christofferson & Cook) for the additional total claims.

In the office action, claims 8 and 9 were identified as being drawn to allowable subject matter. By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to substantively include, and to clarify, features of claim 8. Each of claims 1-6 and 10-16 have been amended to a format more suited to U.S. practice. Claim 18 presents the same clarifications presented in amended claim 1 and substantively includes and clarifies the features of claim 9. Claims 19-31 depend from claim 18 and present the subject matter of amended claims 2-6 and 10-17.

Based on the above amendments where allowable claims 8 and 9 have been substantively included and clarified in independent claims 1 and 18, claims 1-6 and 10-31 should be in immediate condition for allowance.

Claim 32 substantively includes the features of claim 15, without the substance of claims 8 or 9, and includes the clarifications and format provided in amended claim 1. Claims 33-36 reflect the substance, respectively, of claims 16 and 2-4. While claim 15 is identified as being rejected on the summary page of the office action, no specific rejections of claims 15 and 16 are presented in the body of the office action, and is therefore believed to be allowable in the same manner as original claims 8 and 9. Thus, claims 32-36 should now be in immediate condition for allowance.

Independent claims 1, 18, and 32 recite features which are not found in U.S. Patent 4,244,802 to Polito, U.S. Patent Publication 2005/0058886 to Andrews, or any combination of U.S. Patent 5,916,505 to Cisar, U.S. Patent 6,387,241 to Murphy, and U.S. Patent 5,795,450 to Hirai. Therefore, none of the claims are anticipated by or are obvious over the references of record.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-6 and 10-36 be allowed, and that the application be

passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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